

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA
CENTRAL DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

MICHAEL ARTHUR RASMUSSEN,

Defendant.

09-CR-3018-LRR

ORDER

I. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

On April 23, 2009, a one-count Indictment was returned against Defendant, Michael Arthur Rasmussen. On July 6, 2009, Defendant appeared before United States Magistrate Judge Jon S. Scoles and entered a plea of guilty to Count 1 of the Indictment. The same day, Judge Scoles filed a Report and Recommendation in which he recommended that Defendant's guilty plea be accepted. No objections to Judge Scoles' Report and Recommendation were filed. The court, therefore, undertakes the necessary review of Judge Scoles' recommendation to accept Defendant's guilty plea in this case.

II. ANALYSIS

Pursuant to the statute, this court's standard of review for a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation is as follows:

A judge of the court shall make a de novo determination of those portions of the report or specified proposed findings or recommendations to which objection is made. A judge of the court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate [judge].

28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). Similarly, Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72(b) provides for review of a magistrate judge's Report and Recommendation on dispositive motions and prisoner petitions, where objections are made, as follows:

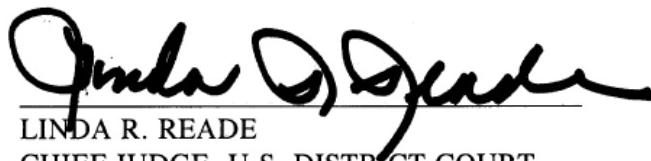
The district judge to whom the case is assigned shall make a de novo determination upon the record, or after additional evidence, of any portion of the magistrate judge's disposition to which specific written objection has been made in accordance with this rule. The district judge may accept, reject, or modify the recommended decision, receive further evidence, or recommit the matter to the magistrate judge with instructions.

Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b).

In this case, no objections have been filed, and it appears to the court upon review of Judge Scoles' findings and conclusions, that there is no ground to reject or modify them. Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED**:

- (1) The court accepts Judge Scoles' Report and Recommendation of July 6, 2009.
- (2) The court accepts Defendant Michael Arthur Rasmussen's plea of guilty to Count 1 of the Indictment.

DATED this 21st day of July, 2009.



LINDA R. READE
CHIEF JUDGE, U.S. DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF IOWA